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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 11, 22-23 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631).

Regarding **claim 1**, Sorokopud teaches a method for performance management in a cellular mobile packet data network having a plurality of mobile stations linked to a plurality of base stations through a plurality of radio channels, the base stations being linked to a radio access network, and the radio access network being linked to a support node in a packet core network comprising the steps of:

capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network (GPRS monitor in Figure 3A; Figure 5, Paragraph [0071]); building a traffic and session database (QoS server includes packet classifier, traffic shaper and includes components such as storage media, Paragraph [0029]) by parsing through the traces in order to extract and correlate all the information which is needed to the database (Paragraphs [0029-0031, 0036]);

defining a set of key performance indicators be used to characterize the performance of cells in terms of measurable parameters representative of user perceived end-to-end quality of service parameters; and calculating the defined key performance indicators(Packet loss, latency, delays, capacity, Paragraph [0030-0031]; WAP parameters, Paragraph [0037]).

Sorokopud did not teach specifically information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period and calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database. Snyder However, Snyder teaches in an analogous art, information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period (abstract; “monitoring transactions”, Paragraph [0039-0041])) and calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database (paragraph [0039]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database in order to identify network engineering problems and provide traffic shaping of the data traffic on the network.

Regarding **claim 2**, Sorokopud teaches the method of claim, wherein the cellular mobile packet data network is a GPRS network (“GPRS monitoring, Paragraph [0034], Figure 3A).

Regarding **claim 3**, Sorokopud teaches the method of claim, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb trace (Paragraph [0016]).

Regarding **claim 11**, Sorokopud teaches the method, wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring WAP object download delay in a specified cell (paragraph [0037,0039]).

Regarding **claim 22**, Snyder, the step of calculating the performance indicators is carried out by calculating the key performance indicator value by summing the given Quality of Service measure of the selected individual transactions (abstract, Paragraph [0039]).

Regarding **claim 23**, Snyder teaches the step of calculating the performance indicators is carried out by calculating the key performance indicator value by averaging the given Quality of Service measure of the selected individual transactions(Paragraph [0040]).

Claim 28, 30 are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding **claim 29**, Sorokopud teaches the system of claim 28, in which monitor node comprising a traffic and session database which correlates traffic and mobility information extracted from passively captured traces collected from standardized interfaces (Figure 3A).

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Bovo et al. (hereinafter Bovo) (US 2003/0148755).

Regarding **claim 4**, Sorokopud teaches the method , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb trace (Figure 3A). The combination of Sorokopud, and Snyder did not teach specifically the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gr trace. However, Bovo teaches in an analogous art the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gr trace (Paragraph [0018]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gr trace in order to manage subscriber activities.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0055954).

Regarding **claim 5**, Sorokopud teaches the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to an encrypted Gb trace (Figure 3A). The combination

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Sorokopud and Snyder did not teach specifically the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a a Gn trace. However, Kavanagh teaches in an analogous art the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gn trace (Paragraph [0043]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gn trace in order to improve the network connectivity.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Satt et al. (hereinafter Satt) (US 2004/0248583).

Regarding **claim 6**, Sorokopud teaches the method , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi trace (Figure 3A). The combination of Sorokopud and Snyder did not teach specifically the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) trace. However, Satt teaches in an analogous art , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User

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Service (RADIUS) trace (Paragraph [0068]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use a method , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) trace in order to provide traffic shaping of the data traffic on the network.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631), Satt et al. (hereinafter Satt) (US 2004/0248583) and Bovo et al. (hereinafter Bovo) (US 2003/0148755).

Regarding **claim 7**, the combination of Sorokoud and Satt teaches the method as in claim 6, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to an encrypted Gb, Gi, RADIUS trace (as in claim 6, Sorokoud: figure 3A, Satt: Paragraph [0068]). The combination of Sorokoud, Snyder and Satt did not teach specifically step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to an International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) numbers list. However, Bovo teaches in an analogous art step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to an International Mobile Subscriber identity (IMSI) numbers list (Paragraph [0018]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular

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mobile data network relates to an International Mobile Subscriber identity (IMSI) numbers list in order to manage subscriber activities.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631), Satt et al. (hereinafter Satt) (US 2004/0248583) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0055954).

. Regarding **claim 8**, Sorokopud teaches the method , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi trace (Figure 3A). The combination Sorokopud and Snyder did not teach specifically the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) trace. However, Satt teaches in an analogous art , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) trace (Paragraph [0068]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use a method , wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gb, a Gi and a Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) trace in order to provide traffic shaping of the data traffic on the network.

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The combination of Sorokopud, Snyder and Satt teaches all the particulars of the claim except the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a a Gn trace. However, Kavanagh teaches in an analogous art the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gn trace (Paragraph [0043]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method, wherein the step of capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network relates to a Gn trace in order to improve the network connectivity.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631), Komandur et al. (hereinafter Komandur) (US 7327708).

Regarding **claim 10**, the combination of Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring MMS large message download/send rate in a specified cell. However, Komandur teaches in an analogous art, the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring MMS large message download/send rate in a specified cell (abstract, col. 5, lines 11-34, “network performance monitoring information for multimedia services”, col. 9, lines 28-35). Therefore, it would be obvious

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to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring MMS large message download/send rate in a specified cell in order to control the media delivery on the network.

Claims 12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Jiang et al. (hereinafter Jiang)(US 2002/0044527).

Regarding **claim 12**, the combination Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web small object download time in a specified cell, where the size of a small object is 9-11 kbyte. However, Jiang teaches in an analogous art the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web small object download time in a specified cell, where the size of a small object is 9-11 kbyte (Paragraph [0033]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web small object download time in a specified cell, where the size of a small object is 9-11 kbyte in order to estimate the performance for channel usage.

Claim 15 is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 12. The applicant is providing additional use for the limitation so that one can estimate the performance for the POP3, mail down loads.

Claim 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Chamaytelli et al. (hereinafter Chamytelli) (SU 2002/0194325).

Regarding **claim 13**, the combination of Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except the method, wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web large object download rate in a specified cell, where the size of a large object is larger than 50 kbyte. However, Chamaytelli teaches in an analogous art the method, wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web large object download rate in a specified cell, where the size of a large object is larger than 50 kbyte (Paragraph [0041], Figure 5a,5b). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the method, wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring Web large object download rate in a specified cell, where the size of a large object is larger than 50 kbyte in order to estimate the performance for channel usage.

Claims 14 and 16 are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 13. The applicant is providing additional use for the limitation so that one can estimate the performance for the POP3, mail down loads.

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Sen et al. (hereinafter Sen) (US 6208620).

Regarding **claim 17**, the combination Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring end-to-end achievable throughput in a specified cell. However, Sen teaches in an analogous art, the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring end-to-end achievable throughput in a specified cell (col. 2, lines 9-15). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring end-to-end achievable throughput in a specified cell in order to improve the TCP performance.

Regarding **claim 18**, Sen teaches the method, wherein the calculation of key performance indicator measuring end-to-end achievable throughput in a specified cell comprises the steps of: calculating total inbound traffic of the user, including other transactions, between the first data packet of the particular TCP connection and the acknowledgement of the last data packet of the particular TCP connection: dividing the

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total inbound traffic (byte count) by the time elapsed between the first and last inbound data packet (col. 2, lines 9-15; col. 2, lines 51-56).

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Johnson et al (hereinafter Johnson) (US 2003/0237016).

Regarding **claim 19**, Sthe combination of Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the rate of TCP connections and stalled periods in a specified cell. However, Johnson teaches in an analogous art, the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the rate of TCP connections and stalled periods in a specified cell (paragraph [0033]).Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the rate of TCP connections and stalled periods in a specified cell in order to improve the TCP performance.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Yokoyma (US 2004/0243715).

Regarding **claim 20**, the combination of Sorokopud and Snyder teaches all the particulars of the claim except the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance

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indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the user-perceived throughput history in a specified cell. However, Yokoyama teaches in an analogous art, the step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the user-perceived throughput history in a specified cell (Paragraph [0128]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use step of defining a set of appropriate key performance indicators comprises a key performance indicator measuring the user-perceived throughput history in a specified cell in order to improve the TCP performance.

Claims 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Lau et al. (hereinafter Lau) (US 7466652).

Regarding **claim 24**, Snyder teaches the step of calculating the performance indicators contains the steps of reading the next transaction record from the traffic and session database; calculating the quantity defined by the KPI for the particular transaction; adding the value to an aggregation counter, and increasing the counter calculating the number of eligible transactions for the KPI; returning to the beginning until all the transactions are processed; calculating the KPI value by dividing the value of the aggregation counter with count of the eligible transactions (Figure 4, Paragraphs [0039-0041]).

The combinations of Sorokopud and Snyder did not teach specifically checking whether this transaction is of the type, which the KPI is about; checking whether the

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transaction happened in the cell specified for the KPI. However, Lau teaches in an analogous art a step of checking whether this transaction is of the type, which the KPI is about; checking whether the transaction happened in the cell specified for the KPI (“traffic optimization procedures on a cell by cell basis”; Abstract; traffic call, col. 9, lines 40-60). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use a step of checking whether this transaction is of the type, which the KPI is about; checking whether the transaction happened in the cell specified for the KPI in order to fine-grained quality of service in a mobile service environment.

Regarding **claim 25**, Lau teaches the method of claim 24, wherein the step of checking whether this transaction is of the type, which the KPI is about is carried out by using the flow type field of the transaction record (col. 9, lines 40-60)

Regarding **claim 26**, Lau teaches the method of claim 24, wherein the step of checking whether the transaction happened in the cell specified for the KPI is carried out by using the Cell Id field of the transaction record (abstract).

Regarding **claim 27**, Sorokopud teaches the method of claim 24, wherein the step of calculating the quantity defined by the KPI for the particular transaction uses the information elements of duration, timestamp of the first data packet, timestamp of the last data packet, packet count and loss count fields of the transaction record (paragraph [0083]).

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et al. (hereinafter Sorokopud) (US 2005/0058161) in view over Snyder et al. (hereinafter) (US 2003/0134631) and Nelson (US 7280803).

Regarding **claim 31**, Sorokopud teaches a method for performance management in a cellular mobile packet data network having a plurality of mobile stations linked to a plurality of base stations through a plurality of radio channels, the base stations being linked to a radio access network, and the radio access network being linked to a support node in a packet core network comprising the steps of:

capturing raw traffic traces over standardized interfaces of the operational cellular mobile data network (GPRS monitor in Figure 3A; Figure 5, Paragraph [0071]); building a traffic and session database (QoS server includes packet classifier, traffic shaper and includes components such as storage media, Paragraph [0029]) by parsing through the traces in order to extract and correlate all the information which is needed to the database (Paragraphs [0029-0031, 0036]);

defining a set of e key performance indicators be used to characterize the performance of cells in terms of measurable parameters representative of user perceived end-to-end quality of service parameters; and calculating the defined key performance indicators(Packet loss, latency, delays, capacity, Paragraph [0030-0031]; WAP parameters, Paragraph [0037]).

Sorokopud did not teach specifically information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period and the step of calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database. However, Snyder teaches in an analogous art, information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period (abstract; “monitoring transactions”,

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Paragraph [0039-0041])) and calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database (paragraph [0039]). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the method wherein the information about each and every user session and user transaction which happened during the measurement period and the step of calculating the performance indicators is carried out by selecting an appropriate subset of the transactions in the traffic database in order to provide traffic shaping of the data traffic on the network.

The combination of Sorokopud and Snyder did not teach specifically a method wherein each user transaction is associated with a specific subscriber using captured session management signaling and each user transaction is associated with a cell location using captured mobility management signaling. However, Nelson teaches in an analogous art wherein each user transaction is associated with a specific subscriber using captured session management signaling and each user transaction is associated with a cell location using captured mobility management signaling (abstract).

Therefore, it would be obvious of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use a method each user transaction is associated with a specific subscriber using captured session management signaling and each user transaction is associated with a cell location using captured mobility management signaling. In order to locate where the problem in coverage is occurring.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MUTHUSWAMY G. MANOHARAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5515. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM-2:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eng George can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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